

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

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~~1. (Once Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing information read from a recording medium on which the
information is written in a prescribed number of groups;
means for reading the information on said recording medium; and
control means for controlling the write in said storage means of at least a prescribed time
or quantity of information corresponding to a beginning address of each of said groups,
wherein the information on said storage means is read at a speed which is higher than or
equal to a speed at which the information is reproduced.~~

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~~4. (Once Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein
said control means causes a prescribed time or quantity of information written in said storage
means to be held therein and the other information written in said storage means to be held
therein and the other information to be discarded after reproduction.~~

5. (Once Amended) A recording/reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said control means correlatively means said prescribed time or quantity of information written in
said storage means and the recording medium in which it has been written.

6. (Once Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, further
comprising:

means for detecting identification information for identifying said recording medium, wherein where said prescribed time or quantity of information contained in the recording medium identified by said identifying means has been already written in said storage means, said control means inhibits storage of the information into said storage means.

7. (Once Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, media, wherein
said control means causes said storage means to store said prescribed time or quantity of information relative to all said recording media held in said holding member.

8. (Once Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein after said control means causes said storage means to store said prescribed time or quantity of information relative to all said recording media held in said holding member, it continues reproduction using the information remaining in said storage means.

9. (Once Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein after said control means causes said storage means to store said prescribed time or quantity of information relative to all said recording media held in said holding member, it continues reproduction using the information recording in said recording media.

Please add the following new claims.

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11. (New) The recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means cross-fades each of said groups with a subsequent group, such that information is continuously reproduced.

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12. (New) The recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls the write in said storage means of at least the prescribed time of information corresponding to a beginning address of each of said groups.

13. (New) The recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means controls the write in said storage means of at least the prescribed quantity of information corresponding to a beginning address of each of said groups.